

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4507-01
Bill No.: HB 1759
Subject: Judges; Courts
Type: Original
Date: January 25, 2016

Bill Summary: This proposal adds a circuit judge to the 26th judicial circuit.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	Fully Implemented (FY 2020)
General Revenue	\$0	\$0	(\$179,921)	(\$346,539)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	(\$179,921)	(\$346,539)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	Fully Implemented (FY 2020)
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses. This fiscal note contains 5 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	Fully Implemented (FY 2020)
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	Fully Implemented (FY 2020)
General Revenue	0 FTE	0 FTE	2 FTE	2 FTE
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0 FTE	0 FTE	2 FTE	2 FTE

☒ Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	Fully Implemented (FY 2020)
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Office of the State Courts Administrator (OSCA)** assume the proposed legislation adds a circuit judge to the 26th judicial circuit.

Beginning January 1, 2019, there would be three circuit judges who shall sit in divisions numbered one, two and three. The circuit judge in division one will be elected in 1982, the circuit judge in division two shall be elected in 1980, the circuit judge in division three shall be elected in 2018 for a six year term.

For a circuit judge, the cost is as follows:

Circuit Court Judge:	\$148,263 per year, plus fringes of \$111,365
Court Reporter:	\$57,178 per year, plus fringes of \$29,733

In addition, there would be cost for computer equipment and associated costs for the two new FTE totaling \$6,650. The total annual cost for this legislation would be \$212,091 (salary plus computer cost) plus fringes of \$141,098, and 2 FTE, per year.

Oversight assumes the 2 new FTE would start January 1, 2019 and would be for only half of FY 2019, or \$179,921 with full implementation in FY 2020 at \$346,539. Oversight also assumes the computer costs would be a one-time cost occurring in FY 2019.

FISCAL IMPACT - State
Government

	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019 (6 Mo.)	Fully Implemented (FY 2020)
GENERAL REVENUE				
<u>Costs - OSCA</u>				
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	(\$102,721)	(\$205,441)
Fringe Benefits	\$0	\$0	(\$70,550)	(\$141,098)
Equipment and Expense	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$6,650)</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Total Cost - OSCA</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$179,921)</u>	<u>(\$346,539)</u>
FTE Change - OSCA	0 FTE	0 FTE	2 FTE	2 FTE
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$179,921)</u>	<u>(\$346,539)</u>
Estimated Net FTE Change for General Revenue	0 FTE	0 FTE	2 FTE	2 FTE

	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019 (6 Mo.)	Fully Implemented (FY 2020)
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local</u> <u>Government</u>				
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

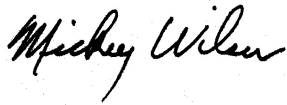
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill specifies that beginning January 1, 2019, there must be three circuit judges in the 26th Judicial Circuit, and they must sit in Divisions numbered 1, 2, and 3. The Division 3 Circuit Judge must be elected in 2018 for a six year term.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of the State Courts Administrator

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